Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, We pay tribute to those serving our nation and to the family members and civilian employers whose continued support enables our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen to defend our country with honor and distinction; and,

Whereas, Through their service, they play an important role in our efforts to advance democracy, peace, and freedom across our nation and around the world; and,

Whereas, These dedicated men and women train vigorously serving as equal partners in our integrated armed forces; and,

Whereas, We are eternally grateful for the sacrifices made by our citizen-solders, members of the South Dakota National Guard and the Army Reserve, as they spend time away from their families, homes, and workplaces protecting our nation and the ideals that make us strong; and,

Whereas, We must remember that these troops are carrrying on the legacy of America's soldiers from many generations:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2003, as

SALUTE THE TROOPS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State